

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996.

House passed Legislative Branch Appropriations conference report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12649–S12751

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1201–1218. **Pages S12715–16**

Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996: The Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces and, by 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 399), the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1026, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Warner Amendment No. 2461, to state the sense of the Senate on negotiations between the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, and the Governor of the State of Idaho regarding the shipment of spent nuclear fuel from naval reactors.

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(2) Nunn (for Levin) Amendment No. 2462, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to use leasing in the acquisition of commercial vehicles when such leasing is practicable and efficient.

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(3) Warner (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2463, to place a limitation on the use of funds for cooperative threat reduction for dismantlement and destruction of chemical weapons.

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(4) Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2464, to make technical corrections.

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(5) By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 398), Nunn Amendment No. 2425, to establish a missile defense policy.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, S. 1026 was indefinitely postponed.

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Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996: Senate passed S. 1124, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 1026, as amended.

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Military Construction Authorizations, 1996: Senate passed S. 1125, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 1026, as amended.

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Energy National Security: Senate passed S. 1126, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 1026, as amended.

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Family Self-Sufficiency Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

(1) Dole Modified Amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

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(2) Daschle Modified Amendment No. 2282 (to Amendment No. 2280), in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 7, 1995, with a vote on the pending Daschle Amendment No. 2282 to occur at 4 p.m.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Investment Treaty with Albania (Treaty Doc. No. 104-19).

Treaty with Hungary on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 104-20); and

Treaty with Austria on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 104-21).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the activities of the U.S. Government in the United Nations during calendar year 1994; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-77).

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Transmitting the report on Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-78).

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Messages From the President: Pages S12715-16

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—399) Pages S12668, S12675

Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 7, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S12750.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RUBY RIDGE INCIDENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Randall and Sara Weaver, both of Grand Junction, Iowa.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2259-2273; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 99-100, and H. Res. 213-214 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 1996, amended (H. Rept. 104-237, Part I, filed on August 4, 1995);

H.R. 1594, to place restrictions on the promotion by the Department of Labor and other Federal agencies and instrumentalities of economically targeted investments in connection with employee benefit plans, amended (H. Rept. 104-238, filed on September 1, 1995); and

H.R. 2150, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reduce the cost to the Federal Government of guaranteeing certain loans and debentures, amended (H. Report 104-239).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: By a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 101 noes, Roll No. 638, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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